

# Uninsured lack organization to lobby Congress effectively

## Group estimated at 50 million

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WASHINGTON — If the uninsured were a political lobbying group, they'd have more members than AARP. The National Mall couldn't hold them if they decided to march on Washington.

But going without health insurance is still seen as a personal issue, a misfortune for many and a choice for some. People who lose coverage often struggle alone instead of turning their frustration into political action.

The uninsured linger in the background as Congress struggles with a health-care overhaul that seems to have the best odds in years of passing.

The number of uninsured

has grown to an estimated 50 million people because of the recession. Even so, advocates in the halls of Congress are rarely the uninsured themselves.

The uninsured "do not provide political benefit for the aid you give them," said Robert Blendon, a professor of health policy and political analysis at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The grass-roots group Health Care for America Now plans to bring as many as 15,000 people to Washington this year to lobby Congress for guaranteed coverage. Campaign director Richard Kirsch expects most to have health insurance.

Research shows that nearly half of those who lose coverage find other health insurance in four months or less. That may be another reason the uninsured have not organized an advocacy group. At least until this recession, many have been

able to fix the situation themselves.

"The uninsured are a moving target," said Catherine Schoen, a vice president of the Commonwealth Fund, a research group that studies the problems of health-care costs and coverage.

But even traps in coverage are only temporary, they can be dangerous.

The Institute of Medicine, which provides research advice to the government, has found that a lack of health insurance increases the chances of bad outcomes for people with a range of common ailments. Uninsured patients don't get needed follow-up care, skip taking prescription medicines and put off seeking help when they develop new symptoms.

Such evidence strengthens the case for getting everybody covered right away, Schoen said.

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